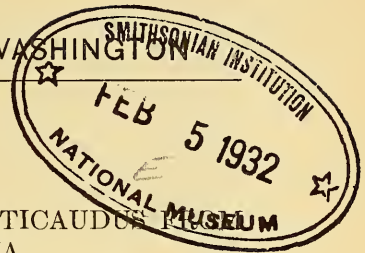


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A NEW RACE OF *CITELLUS TERETICAUDUS*
LOWER CALIFORNIA.

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Specimens of *Citellus tereticaudus* recently secured in the desert region bordering San Felipe Bay, Lower California, Mexico, have been found to vary so markedly from the forms hitherto known as to warrant the description of a new subspecies, as follows:

Citellus tereticaudus vociferans,¹ subsp. nov.

SAN FELIPE ROUND-TAILED GROUND SQUIRREL.

Type.—From San Felipe, Lower California, Mexico; No. 5127, Collection of the San Diego Society of Natural History; adult ♀; collected in the *Lycium* association just back of the sea beach by Laurence M. Huey, March 25, 1926.

Color.—As compared with *Citellus tereticaudus tereticaudus*, dorsal coloration much grayer and more grizzled, the hairs having heavy whitish tips; underparts more grayish-white, including cheeks and parts of face about ears.

Cranial Characters.—Zygomatic arch is less angular than that of *C. t. tereticaudus*, when viewed from side, and of lighter construction, and tooth row averages shorter.

Measurements.—*Type*: Total length, 265; tail vertebrae, 97; hind foot, 37; weight 142.3 grams. Ten adults average: Length 252.4 (240-265); tail 90.9 (81-97); hind foot, 36.0 (33-38); weight, 138.77 grams (115.0-145.5).

Skull (type): Condyllo-basal length, 36.7; zygomatic breadth, 22.9; length of tooth row, 7.0; depth of interpterygoid notch, 7.2.

Remarks.—The new form is clearly definable by color and is instantly recognizable from either of the two forms which occur to the northward, namely *C. t. tereticaudus* and *C. t. chlorus*. The range of the latter is checked by that of *C. t. tereticaudus*, which reaches westward from the Colorado River well into the foothills of the coast range mountains.

Specimens examined.—*Citellus tereticaudus tereticaudus*: 10 from Bard, Imperial County, California, 7 miles north of Old Fort Yuma, California

¹So named on account of the animal's unusual vocal ability.

(type locality), and about as near the type-locality as specimens can be obtained nowadays; 1 from La Puerta Valley, San Diego County, California; 2 from Harper's Well, Imperial County, California, west side of the Colorado Desert; 1 from Fish Springs, Imperial County, California. *Citellus tereticaudus chlorus*: 3 from Whitewater Ranch, Riverside County, California; 2 from Palm Springs, Riverside County, California (type-locality). *Citellus tereticaudus vociferans*: 27 from San Felipe, Lower California, Mexico (type-locality); 1 from 20 miles north of San Felipe, Lower California, Mexico.